GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Production of Fruits and Vegetables
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a bumper production of apples, pineapples, mangoes and oranges in the country during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State and fruit-wise;

(b) the percentage share of the country in the world-wide production of fruits and vegetables;

(c) whether the Government is providing any financial and technological support to boost the production of fruits in the country and if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated, disbursed and expenditure incurred for the above purpose during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate financial and technical support to improve the horticulture production including fruits?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 375 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH MARCH, 2017.

(a): As per the first Advance Estimates of 2016-17, the production of apples has increased marginally by 1%, the production of pineapples & mangoes have increased by 7% & 4%, respectively as compared to 2013-14. However, the production of citrus fruits including oranges, has decreased by 6% during the year 2016-17(1st Advance Estimates) as compared to 2013-14. This shows a mixed trend in production of above mentioned fruits. The details of production data are given in tables 1 to 4 at Annexure-I.

(b): India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world after China. It contributes 12 % in fruits and 11 % in vegetables in the total world production. The country wise production & percentage share of the country in production of fruits & vegetables is given in table 5 & 6 at Annexure-II.

(c): Government is providing financial & technical support to boost the production of horticulture crops including fruits under the scheme called Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew & cocoa. While Government of India (GOI) contributes 60% of total outlay for developmental programmes in all the states except the states in North East and Himalayas, 40% share is contributed by State Governments. In the case of North Eastern States and Himalayan States, GOI contribution is 90% and 10% share is contributed by State Governments. But in case of National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB), Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland and the National Level Agencies (NLA), GOI contribution is 100%.
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The Statewise details of funds allocated & released by the Government of India for the above purpose during last three years & the current year are given in tables 6-9 at Annexure-III.
(d): The financial and technical assistance is provided for various interventions under MIDH for enhancement/promotion of horticulture production including fruits some of which are as under:
â€¢ Area expansion (establishment of new orchards/gardens)
â€¢ Rejuvenation of old and senile orchards
â€¢ Setting up and strengthening of Tissue Culture (TC) units
â€¢ Setting up and modernization of nurseries
â€¢ Protected Cultivation (Poly House/Green House for production of high value vegetables)
â€¢ Import of High Yielding Variety Seeds/ Planting material
â€¢ Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)
â€¢ Adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
â€¢ Promotion of High-tech horticulture, precision farming, high density planting, multiple cropping system, fertigation, value addition and marketing etc.

â€¢ Capacity building of farmers and technicians for adopting improved technologies
â€¢ Post Harvest Management which includes primary processing units, minimal processing units, ripening chamber, reefer vehicle, thereby minimizing post harvest losses and value addition of produce.